Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthy Rao.—

In regard to question (d) will the Government obtain information regarding the number of each community comprising the Gazetted ranks?

Dewan.—

The matter will be referred to the Central Recruitment Board.

MR. B. K. RAMAKRISHNIAH (MYSORE CITY MUNICIPALITY).—

Q.—**10.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) Whether in pursuance of directions given by Government to the Traffic Manager in their review of the Administration Report of the Railway Department for 1921-22 for effecting economy, the supply of uniforms to the Traffic Staff during 1923-24 was stopped in order to effect savings?

(ii) What was the amount saved thereby?

(iii) What was the amount spent during the same year in fitting electric lights and fans to the Traffic Manager's inspection carriage and supplying crockery and mosquito curtains to his carriage and to the Loco Superintendent's inspection carriage.

(iv) Whether it was not the present Traffic Manager who sanctioned this expenditure when he was officiating as Agent, Mysore Railways?

2. (i) Whether it is a fact that the office of the Assistant Traffic Superintendent, Bangalore, which was located in Government Building was shifted to a private building on a rent of Rs. 100 per month?

(ii) Whether it is the fact that the Traffic Manager and the Loco Superintendent put up in the new office of the Assistant Traffic Superintendent when they go to Bangalore and whether the Loco Superintendent stables his car there permanently?

(iii) Whether these officers are not provided with inspection carriage which are meant for the officers to live in out stations?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, RAILWAYS.—

A.—1 (i) The supply for 1922-23 was completed in March 1923 and the supply for the next official year which was due in March 1924 was postponed by a few months to next official year, *viz.*, 1924-25.

(ii) No provision was made for the supply of clothing in the Budget for the official year 1923-24.

(iii) The carriages in question have been electrified as a part of the general scheme of electrification to avoid payment of gas charges to Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. The total amount spent during 1923-24 on the electrification of stock of Mysore Railways excluding adjustments is Rs. 10,888-9-2 of which Rs. 2,190 relates to the inspection carriage allotted to the Traffic Manager. The cost of crockery supplied during the same year to the Loco Superintendent and Traffic Manager's inspection carriages is Rs. 569-9-0. On all Railways in India, crockery is supplied to high officials of the Railway.

(iv) The answer is the negative.

2 (i) The office of the Assistant Traffic Superintendent, Bangalore, was located in the New Public Offices at a considerable distance from the City Station and the business part of the town. It was therefore shifted to a rented building at Rs. 75 per mensem in April 1923. As this building was in the market for sale and also very inconvenient, the office was again shifted to the present building in April 1924 which is a commodious one and close to the City Railway Station on a monthly rent of Rs. 100 to be used both as an office and the Rest House for Railway Officers,

M. & S. M. Railway have two furnished Rest Houses, at Bangalore, one for the use of their Agent only and the other for the rest of the officers visiting Bangalore on duty.

(ii) Government have no information on the point.

(iii) The answer is in the affirmative except where Rest Houses are specially provided.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. K. Ramakrishnaiya.—

With reference to answer to question 10-1 (i) am I to understand that uniforms were supplied twice during 1924-25 for the years 1924 and 1925.

Revenue Secretary.—

No supply was given for the year 1925.

Mr. Ramakrishnaiya.—

Why was no provision made in 1923-24?

Dewan.—

It must have been due to certain considerations that weighed with Government at Budget time.

Mr. Ramakrishnaiya.—

If it was intended that the supply for 1925 should not be withheld, why was no provision made during 1924-25?

Dewan.—

Such omissions have all been rectified subsequently by re-appropriations.

Mr. Ramakrishaaiya.—

Have Government called for information as to why this omission occurred?

Dewan.—

No.

Mr. Ramakrishnaiya.—

Do they propose to call for it?

Dewan.—

They will do so if there be reason.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—

With reference to answer to question 10 (iii) could not expenditure have been avoided on electrification of carriages, etc., in view of our present state of finances, as the items referred to are mere luxuries?

Dewan.—

The carriages in question have been electrified as a part of the general scheme of electrification. With regard to crockery, it is a small amount of Rs. 569-9-0 and it is the practice on all Railways in India to supply crockery to saloons of high Railway Officers. However, retrenchments are being effected in all possible ways.

MESSRS. S. THIMME GOWDA AND K. LINGE GOWDA (Krishnarajapete Taluk).—

Q.—**11.** Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) How many cases of village extensions have been dealt with in the State since 1915?

(2) What is the amount deposited every year for this purpose by the raiyats?

(3) How many cases have been disposed of by grant of facilities to the villagers?

(4) How many are pending and what is the reason for the delay?

(5) Are the Government aware that the raiyats are incurring much loss owing to the increase in the prices of lands?

(6) Who are responsible for the delay?

(7) Whether it is proposed to take action to avoid the delay?

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—

A.—The statistics required by the members are not readily available and cannot be easily collected. As regards the delay and other inconveniences mentioned, it may be pointed out that the procedure regarding acquisitions has been systematised in Government Order No. R. 632-92—L. R. 56-22-1, dated the 25th July 1922. The land to be acquired and the funds required to pay for it have first to be decided by the Village Panchayet or the Taluk Board as the case may be and thereafter by the District Board who have to send up proposals to the Deputy Commissioner. They will have then to come up to Government who scrutinise and notify the same. Government are aware that considerable time often elapses before proceedings are completed, but the object of the present procedure is to safeguard the interests and the rights of private individuals, and instances of undue delay, if brought to notice, will be duly enquired into.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Thimmegowda.—

With reference to answer to question 11, will Government state whether the statistics asked for will be obtained and furnished?